

Dounreay SSG**NDA – Update Report****March 22nd 2023**UK Government

- Whole team of civil servants concerned with nuclear in BEIS have moved into the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)
- Secretary of State is Grant Shapps, who was head of BEIS
- Andrew Bowie MP for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine appointed Minister for Nuclear.
- Perm Secs Clive Maxwell (previously in BEIS) and Jeremy Pocklington (previously DCMS but before that DECC)

Stakeholder Survey

- NDA commissions an independent organisation to survey stakeholders every two years
- 800 people took part, 200 more than the last survey. Mix of key stakeholders and those on our mailing list to receive updates electronically.
- Key indicators all up since last time – trust, transparency and openness.
- We also asked people where we could improve: one of the key findings was that they wanted to know more about mission delivery and how we solve technical challenges, so we will address that.

Stakeholder Summit

- After the event in Edinburgh last September, NDA has decided that the next in-person Stakeholder Summit will be held in Cumbria in 2024.
- There will be an online, virtual Summit this year, probably in October.
- During the year, though, we will be holding a series of in-person, regional meetings for stakeholders. It is planned these will be linked to universities with a nuclear science department, so that we can showcase the links between NDA, research and innovation.
- Two dates now confirmed – 8th June Cumbria and 28th June Glasgow at University of Strathclyde (Technology and Innovation Centre).
- More details as soon as we have them.

Nuclear Industry Association (NIA) - Week in UK Parliament

- The Nuclear Industry Association annually organises a series of events to draw the sector to MPs' attention. The latest was this January.
- NDA sponsored a reception for Parliamentarians highlighting the decommissioning aspects of nuclear.
- NDA sponsored the Skills Fair and brought graduates and apprentices to London for them to meet their local MP – and for the MPs to understand the work of the NDA in their communities.

NDA and New Nuclear

- Government setting up Great British Nuclear as part of recent budget announcement.
- More details to follow.
- In the meantime, we are being approached by a number of developers and technology providers about the availability of land on our sites.
- We are providing publicly available information on an open and transparent basis to enquirers.
- In Wales, we are continuing to support Cwmni Eginio, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between BEIS, NDA and Cwmni Eginio.

Decommissioning and Waste Management Consultation

- New Government consultation on decommissioning and waste management due to be published shortly.
- The last one was published in 1995. This will update, consolidate and introduce new options.
- Has been agreed by BEIS, Scottish Government and Welsh Government: the 1995 paper was issued before devolution. Waste management is a devolved power.
- Will be a full 12-week consultation.
- Consultation event to be held March 29th for SSG Chairs and VCs.

NDA Graduate Scheme

- The challenge of ensuring NDA and its operating companies have sufficient highly-skilled and motivated personnel over several generations as it fulfils its mission is one of its priorities.
- In January, NDA launched a new group-wide graduate programme to help ensure a continued flow of young people into the business.
- Applications are now open for roles in around 20 different professional disciplines at various locations in all corners of the UK.

- The new programme, supported by NDA subsidiary Enerigus, will offer three placements in different parts of the group. It will operate alongside the graduate schemes run by other operating companies.
- To find out more about the scheme, graduates can visit [the NDA group graduate programme website](#)

Robots in Radioactive Management

- A robot designed with help from Dounreay to safely inspect hazardous environments is in Time Magazine's top 200 innovations of 2022.
- The robot, known as Lyra, has been used to inspect ventilation ducts and feedback radiological information. Human access to this area is currently impossible due to the size of the duct and radiological risks.

Draft Business Plan

- DSG feedback received by NDA.
- Fourteen submissions.
- Feedback being considered.
- Subject to approval by the UK and Scottish Governments, final version will be published before the end of March 2023.

NDA/Scottish Government Secondment

- Ended December 2022.
- New secondment currently being considered for 2023.

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